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On Good Will

Needed in our country today, as always, are men of good will. We are daily reading about strife, tensions, lawlessness, etc.

And yet, among our 200 millions, there are millions of incidents of good will and brotherhood (which go unpublicized) for every ugly incident which makes headlines. There are millions of Americans, white and black, who have and are exhibiting good will and good citizenship daily.

At this time thoughtful Americans must keep their heads, control their emotions and maintain the faith--in the Ameridream. We have enough citizens of good will to make the American dream come true. But the majority must exercise a calming and democratic influence on extremists, though this great force exerts its influence without headlines and sensations.

Let's Join Hands

During the month of March, the American Red Cross makes its annual appeal to the American people to give it the funds to serve the nation and its citizens in time of emergency.

Everyone is familiar with the great work of the Red Cross during war and in relation to the armed services. Everyone is familiar with the assistance it promptly renders whenever disaster strikes. Emergency medical and nursing care is provided to victims and, in many instances, financial assistance is a vital part of the relief extended to unfortunate people.

In connection with the annual appeal for funds, we should not overlook the important contribution made by volunteer workers, serving in communities from coast to coast. These individuals give hours of work without compensation and help to make possible the extensive assistance the Red Cross provides.

If your local chapter's funds are covered by a united effort, it's good to be reminded that March is the traditional American Red Cross month--a time for recruiting workers.

Letter To The Editor

It's been so long since the community has had a real issue to cope with I believe its forgotten how. Well, we now have such an issue facing us. "X" rated movies. The Lynchburg Nes ran an article about this a few weeks ago, and some of you probably read it. In January, the Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia, local chapter, issued a memo of several important events concerning the church. Included was the following:

Have you heard or have you read that the Columbia Broadcasing System announced plans to show X-rated movies on the late show and that, if the movies receive no significant protest, they will be moved to earlier hours?

Surely every Christian, certainly every Christian WOMAN, should voice a protest by writing individual letters to:

Dr. Frank Stanton, Pres.
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51 West 52nd St.
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I'm hoping now that you know, you'll please do something. This matter is not so much for the adults as it is the children. So do your kids a favor, spend 8c, and maybe 5 minutes.

Mrs. Jane Wright
Pamplin, Va.

The Paster Speaks

HEAVENLY CITIZENSHIP"
Phil. 3:20

In Phil. 3:20 we find that the saved have their conservation (citizenship) in Heaven. Sometimes we must be rudely awakened to the fact this world is not our home.

I Peter 2:9 says "... ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light."

According to Heb. 11:8-16, we are strangers and foreigners, pilgrims and sojourners in the earth, as all our fathers were. The Christian will perform his duties as a citizen to the country which affords him shelter. Although as an alien here below, he will seek to do good among those with whom he dwells and will be an orderly sojourner. The Christian is in the world, but not of the world. (John 17:14) we are under Heaven's government. Christ is King and reigns in our hearts. Shall we then with Royal blood, live as the worldings live?

Let our lives be conformed to the glory of our citizenship. In Heaven they are holy, so must we be -- so are we if our citizenship is not a mere pretense.

Earnie W. Lucas, Pastor
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Appomattox, Va. 24522

AUCTION SALE SET FOR SATURDAY

To settle the estate of the late Ammon G. Hancock, an auction sale will be held at George's Auction Center located on Confederate Boulevard on Saturday, March 10, 1973, at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be available during the sale.

Many valuable items will be offered to the highest bidder so come on out to the sale on Saturday, you just might find a real bargain.

The Sunday School Lesson

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Comment on the International Sunday School lesson for March 11, 1973

Man Is A Responsible Being

Scripture: Genesis 1:27-30; 4:1-9; Matthew 25:31-46; Acts 17:30-31; Romans 14:10-12

So each of us shall give account of himself to God. Romans 14:12

The Scriptural doctrine that man is a responsible being is premised upon the teaching that man was created in the image of God. The characteristics which man enjoys in consequence of having been so created distinguish him from all other living beings.

Physically, man is like the animals, and from the physical point of view it is proper to classify him as an animal. But the nature of man transcends the physical, for he possesses an intellectual and a spiritual nature as well. To be sure, animals possess a certain type of intelligence, but they do not reason in their thinking, they lack a spiritual nature, and they lack the moral nature which would make them responsible for their conduct. Man reasons, he has a spiritual nature which finds its highest expression in communion with God, and even in the pragmatic areas of law and relationship with his fellows he is held accountable for his conduct.

Because man possesses the capacity for self-control even when his basic traits are challenged or threatened, he becomes a moral being capable of making choices. He possessaes a conscience, implanted in his nature to be a guide in making choices. It is true, but sad, that man can disregard his conscience to such an extent that its usefulness is lost, and this still, small voice is effectively silenced.

But silencing the voice of conscience in no way diminishes man's responsibility to God, to his fellows, or to himself. Silencing the voice of conscience removes the safety valve from the boiler of life and facilitates self - destruction. Whether one likes it or not, one of the features of the nature of man is that he is a responsible being. The motto which adorns the coat-of-arms of an ancient English family, non nobis solis nati sumus -- we are not born for ourselves alone" -- summarizes a fundamental characteristic of the divinely implanted nature of man. It is no whim that we regard the person who keeps to himself and shuns others as eccentric. Man is a social being, and in the combination of social and spiritual characteristics is to be found the ground for man's responsibility to God and to his fellows.

Man is a complex creature. In the essential physical functions, he is an individual, capable of sustaining his physical existence alone. In his sexual nature, which combines both the physical and the spiritual, the individual is incomplete, requiring a person of the opposite sex for the fulfillment of this aspect of his nature. As a social being, man lives in a group; in the family, in the community, in one or more fellowships, as a citizen in the governmental entities. As a spiritual being, man requires communion with God for the cultivation of this aspect of his personality.

The thrust of this week's International Sunday School lesson involves the social and spiritual natures of man. As a social being, living with and among his fellows, man has a responsibility toward them, not merely because of association, but more because these also are created by God. In one of the Scripture background passages for this lesson (Matthew 25:31-46) Jesus gives a vivid picture of the nature of man's responsibility for his fellows in the account of the judgment, which, according to Jesus, every person is to experience. Responsibility makes judgment necessary. Man's responsibility to his fellow man is closely and intimately bound to his relationship to God, for one way in which man performs his responsibility to God is to measure up to his responsibility to his fellows. His responsibility to God goes beyond this, however, to find expression in worship, in prayer, and in continuing study of God's revealed word to find His will for the individual.

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On this past Sunday the Junior Choir had Gospel in Songs. Appea program was the Har Zion, the Jordianaires, Gospel Harmonettes, Mr. ry Watkins and Mr. J Jackson.

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On the 4th Sunday beginning at 6:00 p.m. Gospel Harmonettes wi celebrating their 1st an sary. Many of your fa groups will be here and like to see all our friends to help us celebrate.

Attends Conference

Al Johnson and Mary Parris were the representatives from the Appomattox Community Senior 4-H Club attending the Governors' Implentation Committee Conference on Children and Youth. The conference was held Thurs., Mar. 1 at VPI.

A special committee chosen by Governor Linwood Holton was formed to change some situations in the state concerning children and youth. Some members of this committee were present to hear citizens' views on current needs within Virginia.

Al and Mary listened to discussions by citizens representing various organizations concerned with the health welfare education and family life of children. Topics included education on early childhood education; vocational education, teacher education and special education; in health on hunger and nutrition, veneral disease and screening and diagnostic services; in welfare foster care, detention facilities and individual rights and due process.

The conference brought up many problems dealing with children not only in Appomattox County or in the state but also around the country. One was made aware of other people's concerns. The conference proved to be informing and interesting as well as an opportunity to help those who really need it.

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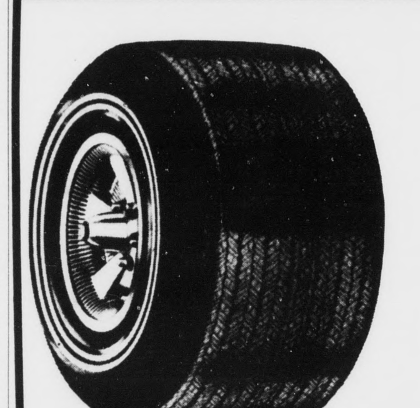
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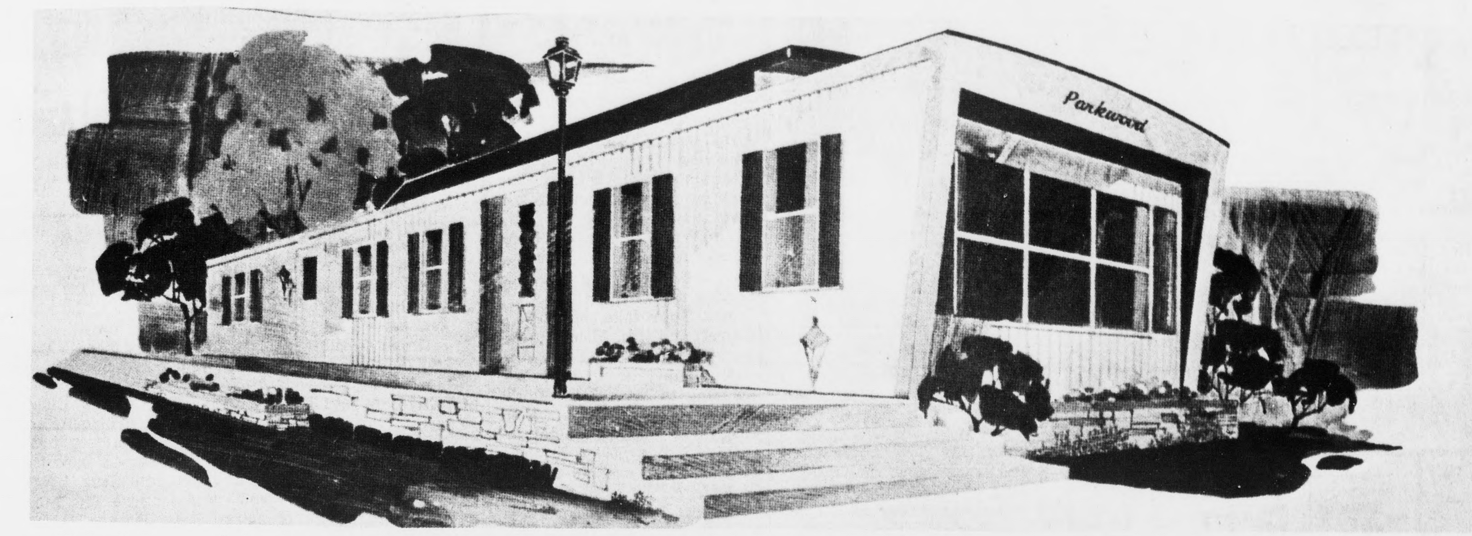

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